

FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2013

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
12:00 p.m.: Morning Hour 2:00 p.m.: Legislative Business Unlimited "One Minutes"	6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.

** Following one minute speeches, the House is expected to recess until approximately 5:00 p.m. At that time, the House will reconvene and consider the one bill listed for consideration under suspension of the Rules. Any recorded vote requested will be postponed until 6:30 p.m.

Suspension (1 bill)

1) **Senate Amendment to [H.R. 307](#)** – Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act of 2013 (Rep. Rogers (MI) – Energy and Commerce)

TOMORROW’S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule for Tuesday, March 5: The House will meet at 12:00 p.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to consider [H.R. 668](#) – To amend section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, to require that annual budget submissions of the President to Congress provide an estimate of the cost per taxpayer of the deficit (Rep. Messer – Budget) and [H.R. 338](#) – The Stop Tobacco Smuggling in the Territories Act of 2013 (Rep. Faleomavaega – Judiciary) – under suspension of the Rules.

The Daily Quote

"The bottom line on American budgetary politics right now is that Republicans won't agree to further tax increases and so there's no deal to be had. This is not a controversial perspective in D.C.: It's what Hill Republicans have told me, it's what the White House has told me, it what Hill Democrats have told me. The various camps disagree on whether Republicans are right to refuse a deal that includes further tax increases, but they all agree that that's the key fact holding up a compromise to replace the sequester. But it's unpopular for Republicans to simply say they won't agree to any compromise and there's no deal to be had — particularly since taxing the wealthy is more popular than cutting entitlements, and so their position is less popular than Obama's. That's made it important for Republicans to prove that it's the president who is somehow holding up a deal. This had led to a lot of Republicans fanning out to explain what the president should be offering if he was serious about making a deal. Then, when it turns out that the president did offer those items, there's more furious hand-waving about how no, actually, this is what the president needs to offer to make a deal. Then, when it turns out he's offered most of that, too, the hand-waving stops and the truth comes out: Republicans won't make a deal that includes further taxes, they just want to get the White House to implement their agenda in return for nothing.... There's no deal even if Obama agrees to major Republican demands on entitlements. There's no deal because Republicans don't want to make a deal that includes taxes, no matter what they get in return for it. The interesting question is whether the possibility of a government shutdown, a debt-ceiling breach or simply the pressure of the sequester's cuts will, in the coming months, break one side or the other. But as long as the GOP's position is they won't compromise, there's not going to be a compromise."

- Ezra Klein, Washington Post, 3/2/13